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Please settle this case..I believe it is harmful to every citizen that companies choose to litigate rather than to compete. I do not believe the public has been harmed because Microsoft has consistently developed a better product. Remember the way people waited in line for hours to be able to get the latest product??? Nobody made them be there. They were excited because it was a Microsoft product. I also feel that the stock market has gone into a free fall with every threat (by lawsuit) of a competitor. I think the very real fear here is if the Justice Department can disrupt Microsoft in the way that it has what chance would a smaller start up have if they became competitive?? This lawsuit has had a damaging effect on the whole country and it's values. I do not understand how if AOL was willing to pay BILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR NETSCAPE how they were hurt financially. AOL has not done anything to enhance Netscape since they purchased it...How is that Microsofts fault???

Thank You , Ann & Tom Keefe